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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ILWU DELEGATES TO PHILIPPINES AUG 3-22, 1975

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1. AS REQUESTED REF A, HERewith BRIEF REPORT ON VISIT 3-MAN ILWU TEAM (FRED PAULINO, HONOLULU; RUBEN NEGRETE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; AND JOHN ULRICH, SEATTLE) TO PHILIPPINES.

2. EMBASSY PROVIDED BRIEFING AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN HELPING ARRANGE TRADE UNION CONTACTS, USEFUL GUIDANCE PROVIDED PAR 5, REF A. HIGHLIGHTS MANILA STAY WERE MEETINGS WITH MENDOZA (ALU) AND OCA (PLCC AND PTGWO), LUNCH OFFERED BY PTUC, AND AAFLI BRIEFING.

3. DURING COURSE FIELD TRIP TO PROVINCES, TEAM WENT TO BACOLOD (VISITS TO SUGAR CENTRALS, HOSTED BY ZOILO DE LA CRUZ OF NACUSIP), CEBU (ALU COMPLEX AND DOCKS, HOSTED BY ALU), CAGAYAN DE ORO (DEL MONTE PINAPPLE CANNERY AND PLANTATION, HOSTED BY PTUC), AND BAGUIO (MINING ENTERPRISES, HOSTED BY ALU). IN ADDITION, PAULINO (OF FILIPINO ANCESTRY) VISITED FAMILY IN BADO, ILOCOS NORTE.

4. AS ANTICIPATED REF B, ILWU TEAM OVERWHELMED BY FILIPINO HOSPITALITY ("THEY OVERDID IT") AND EXTENDED
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WARM FRATERNAL RECEPTION BY VARIOUS TRADE UNIONS. TEAM

TOLD LABATT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAD BEEN TWO-WAY STREET;
THEY HAD PICKED UP USEFUL POINTERS ON UNION COMMUNITY
RELATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. TEAM PLANS RECOMMEND
TO ITS INTERNATIONAL IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT ILWU CONSIDER
CLOSER FRATERNAL CONTACTS WITH FILIPINO BROTHERS,
INCLUDING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (EXCHANGES, ETC.).

5. ILWU DELEGATES APPEARED BE DOWN-TO-EARTH, NON-
POLITICAL, GOOD REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKING LEVEL AMERICAN
TRADE UNIONISM. THEY BELIEVED THEIR VISIT TO HAVE BEEN
VERY MUCH WORTHWHILE, AND WERE MOST APPRECIATIVE MODEST
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY ALSO INCLINED CHALK UP
VISIT ON PLUS SIDE OF REGISTER. SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER,
THAT REPS DID NOT CONTACT DOL AND ULTIMATE GOP REACTION
TO PROPOSED CLOSER RELATIONS NOT PREDICTABLE.
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